GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM COCHIN TRIVANDRUM AND CALICUT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce more international flights from various airports in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any foreign airlines has sought permission to operate from various airports in the country particularly from Cochin, Trivandrum and Calicut;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) & (b): Air India and Indian Airlines are presently operating to Abu Dhabi, Bharain, Muscat, Dubai, Jeddah, Riyadh, Dammam, Sharjah, Male, Kuwait, Doha, Fujairah and Rasalkhaimah from airports in Kerala. Besides our national carriers, Gulf Air, Kuwait Airways, Oman Air, Qatar Airways, Silk Air, Sri Lankan Airlines have been operating from their respective countries to Trivandrum. Oman Air, Kuwait Airways and Silk Air have also recently commenced operations from Cochin.

(c), (d) and (e): Operation by foreign airlines from different airports in the country is reviewed from time to time depending upon traffic demand. As part of this ongoing process, Kuwait Airways, Oman Air and Silk Air have recently been granted access to Cochin. Emirates Airlines of Dubai will also get access to Cochin effective September, 2002.